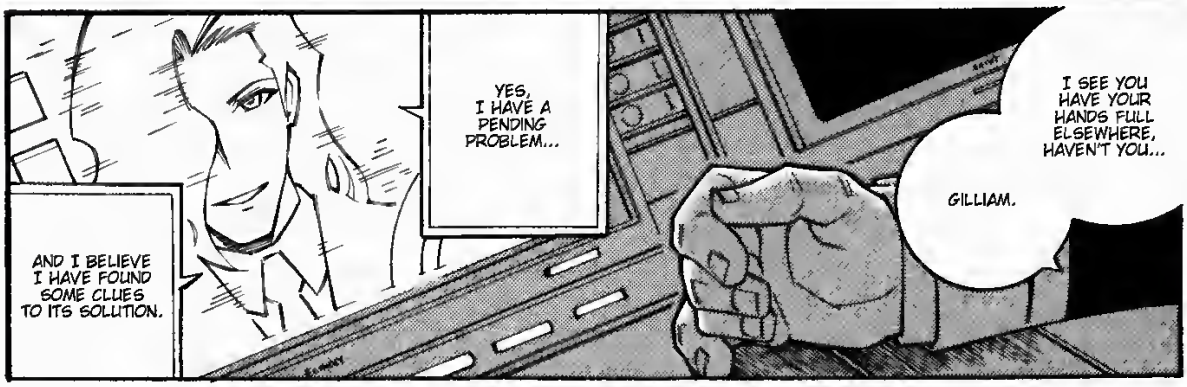
#26. SILENT APPROACH


AND I BELIEVE I HAVE FOUND SOME CLUES TO ITS SOLUTION.
YES, I HAVE A PENDING PROBLEM...
I SEE YOU HAVE YOUR HANDS FULL ELSEWHERE, HAVEN'T YOU...
GILLIAM.

I WILL LEAVE IT TO YOU TO USE AS YOU SEE FIT.
THE DATA GATHERING IS COMPLETED AND THE RESULTS SENT OUT.
I SUSPECT ANY OTHER SQUAD WOULD FIND THE TYPE S TO BE TOO MUCH TO HANDLE...
IS IT ALRIGHT TO JUST LEAVE THE TYPE S HERE WITH US?
DO YOU HAVE ANY NEWS ON HOW THE "HALLOWEEN PROJECT" IS COMING ALONG?
HMM...
WORK HAS STARTED ON THE TYPE R IN ORLEANS.
BUT I BELIEVE THE PLANS FOR "MODERNIZING THE MASS PRODUCED GESPENST" WILL STILL TAKE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
THEY'VE ALSO STARTED COLLECTING DATA ON OTHER TRIAL UNITS ALONG SIDE THEIR CURRENT WORK...
INDEED.
WE WILL SOON BE OUT OF COMM RANGE...
GOODBYE FOR NOW, MAJOR KAI.
AND ONLY FOCUSING ON DEVELOPING NEW ONES THE MILITARY WILL RUN OUT OF BREATH VERY SOON.
WITHOUT MODERNIZING OUR CURRENT UNITS, EXTENDING THEIR LIFETIME...
WELL THE FACT THAT THE PLANS ARE PROGRESSING AT ALL IS GOOD NEWS.

I DO NOT KNOW WHO YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.
HMHM...
TELL THOSE TWO I SAID HELLO.
YEAH, SEE YOU.
NOW...
IF WE'RE HEADING BACK TO IZU BASE...
THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF.
AND I'VE PUT IT OFF FOR LONG ENOUGH.
I CAN JOIN THIS UNIT?
REALLY?

YOU WILL STILL HAVE SOME RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON YOU...
IF THAT IS WHAT YOU WANT...
THEN, YES, YOU CAN.
BUT AS A "FORMER DC SOLDIER WHO SURRENDERED TO THE FEDERATION AND WAS ALLOWED TO GIVE THEM AID"...
YOU WILL STILL BE PART OF US, AT LEAST.
YOU WILL NOT BE TREATED AS A GUINEA PIG IN SOME LABORATORY.
AND AT LEAST HERE...
SOMETHING YOU REALLY WANT.
BY YOUR OWN CHOICE.
IF YOU STAND AND FIGHT WITH US...
YOU MAY FIND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING...
A PROMISE I HAVE TO KEEP NO MATTER WHAT.
I HAVE...

IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN...
I WILL DO ANYTHING I POSSIBLY CAN!
SEOLLA AND OLIKA!
I HAVE TO GET THEM BACK!
I SEE.
JUST WHAT YOU CAN DO?
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WELL THEN.
WHY DON'T YOU SHOW ME...
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OH?
SOMEONE'S USING THE SIMULATOR?

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BOOM
WHAT'S UP WITH KYOUSUKE? WHY DIDN'T HE USE THE STAKE?
HMM?

KYOUSUKE, MAJOR KAI?
THEN JUST WHO IS THAT?
LT. IRM, THAT'S NOT ME.
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OH, HE HIT THE FLYING LION WITH A STEAK.
BUT IT STILL DIDN'T GO DOWN?
HE'S GOT SPIRIT BUT HE'S TOO RECKLESS...
I BELIEVE HE MISSED THE TRIGGER TIMING...
BETWEEN PENETRATING THE ARMOR AND DESTROYING THE INSIDE.
LT. KYOUSUKE DOES IT MANUALLY...
JUST HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO FIGURE THAT ONE OUT?

FOR NOW IT SEEMS HE HAS THE MOST COMPATABILITY WITH THE ALTEISEN.
HE COULDN'T HIT ANYTHING.
THE WEISS WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE.
HIS SPIRIT IS STRONG AND HE HAS GOOD INSTINCTS.
I'D SAY HE IS SUITED FOR INFIGHTING.
BUT STILL...
YOU CAN REALLY GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT IN THAT ONE!
WOW, THAT WAS GREAT!
AS EXPECTED OF ALTEISEN!
HEY...
YOU'VE RECIEVED THE SAME BASIC TRAINING AS LATOONI, RIGHT?
WHAT WAS WITH THAT DISPLAY OUT THERE?
SOMEONE HURRY UP AND MASS-PRODUCE IT!

WELL WELL...
I SEE YOU ARE DOING SOME VERY INTERESTING DATA GATHERING OVER HERE...
EARTH CRADLE
I HEAR YOU HELPED OPEN UP DISCUSSIONS...
BETWEEN VAN VAT TRAN...
AND GRAIEN GRASSMAN.
ISN'T THAT TRUE, "ROZE"?
OH, WHY YES I DID.
IS THERE A PROBLEM?

I WOULD NOT STOP EARNING MONEY IN ANY CASE BUT STILL, HOW KIND.
I WILL NOT STOP YOU FROM EARNING MONEY.
OF COURSE NOT. IT WAS NOT AN EVENT BEYOND EXPECTATIONS.
WHAT!?
IS THAT TRUE!?
THE ORDER WE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED...
IT LOOKS TO BE READY FOR DELIVERY VERY SOON.
BY THE WAY...
FARTHER THAN WE REACHED ON THE "OTHER SIDE".
THAT MEANS WE CAN PROCEED TO THE NEXT STAGE.
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AXEL...
LEMON?
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ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD BE UP?
I JUST LOST CONCIOUSNESS FROM THE SHOCK OF THE SPATIAL TRANSFER...
AND YET FROM THE LOOK OF IT YOU WERE IN QUITE THE BRAWL...
THE INJURIES THEMSELVES WEREN'T SERIOUS.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU BEFORE YOU TRANSFERRED...
WE'VE USED THE EG TYPE PARTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE ZWEIZER.
BUT THE SOULGAIN'S REPAIRS WILL TAKE SOME TIME.
I DON'T MIND. WE'RE A GOOD MATCH, ME AND SOULGAIN.
BESIDES, YOU NEVER KNOW...
WHEN I MIGHT NEED IT AGAIN...

WHAT OF THE "FIRST JUMPER"?
HAVE WE STILL NOT FOUND HIM?
NO HE IS PROVING TO BE SOMEWHAT OF A PROBLEM.
BUT ENOUGH OF THAT.
WE ONLY HAVE HIS VOICE TO GO BY.
NONE OF US HAVE EVER SEEN HIS FACE.
BUT THINGS ARE STILL GOING AS PLANNED?
EVERYTHING IS PROCEEDING AS THEY SHOULD?
BESIDES, WE HAVE HAD OUR SCHEDULE FILLED ON "THIS SIDE" AS WELL SINCE THE APPEARANCE OF THE INSPECTORS.
WE HAVE ALSO GOTTEN OUR HANDS ON ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR...
ONE WE COULDN'T GET ON THE OTHER SIDE.
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DON'T WORRY, AXEL.
OUR FORCES ARE ALREADY GREATER THAN THEY WERE LAST TIME.

VINDEL.
LEMON.
"ROZE" FOUND US A CHANNEL TO "THEM".
SHE DID!? THE LITTLE MISSY DOES SOME IMPRESSIVE WORK...
ALTHOUGH I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED...
IF SHE COULDN'T BACK IT UP SHE WOULDN'T BE SO CHEEKY AS TO GIVE HERSELF A CODENAME.
THE TIME HAS COME.
WE WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR PLAN.
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DADDY.

FORGET ABOUT THEM. YOU BOYS DO NOT HAVE TO GET INVOLVED WITH SOMETHING AS INSIGNIFICANT AS THEM.
ARE YOU SURE IT'S WISE TO LET THEM DO WHATEVER THEY WANT?
THOSE FREELOADERS SEEM EXCITED ABOUT SOMETHING...
ALTHOUGH THEY WILL SERVE THEIR PURPOSE SOON ENOUGH, WHEN THEY CREATE A PLAYGROUND FOR YOU TO ENJOY.
THAT FUTURE HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED.
WHATEVER MAY HAPPEN...
THIS WORLD WILL SOON BELONG TO YOU.
-LS SECTOR-
-WHITE STAR-

YUDAARO CLASS SUPPRESSION GUNBOAT - DIAUS
OH? THE FEDERATION AND THE IX REMNANT ARE JOINING FORCES AGAINST US?
IT SEEMS THEY AREN'T FOOLISH ENOUGH TO TRY TO FIGHT A CIVIL WAR AT THE SAME TIME THEY FIGHT US...

SHOULD SOMETHING BE DONE...
WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME?
YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING.
THEY SURE KNOW HOW TO SNIFF OUT A BATTLE...
THE PRIMITIVES OF THIS PLANET...
YOUR ONLY DUTY IS TO GATHER INFORMATION.
YOUR ONLY PURPOSE IS TO PASS ALONG ANYTHING YOU'VE SEEN, ANYTHING YOU'VE HEARD, TO ME
IT SHALL BE AS YOU COMMAND
I HEAR AND OBEY.
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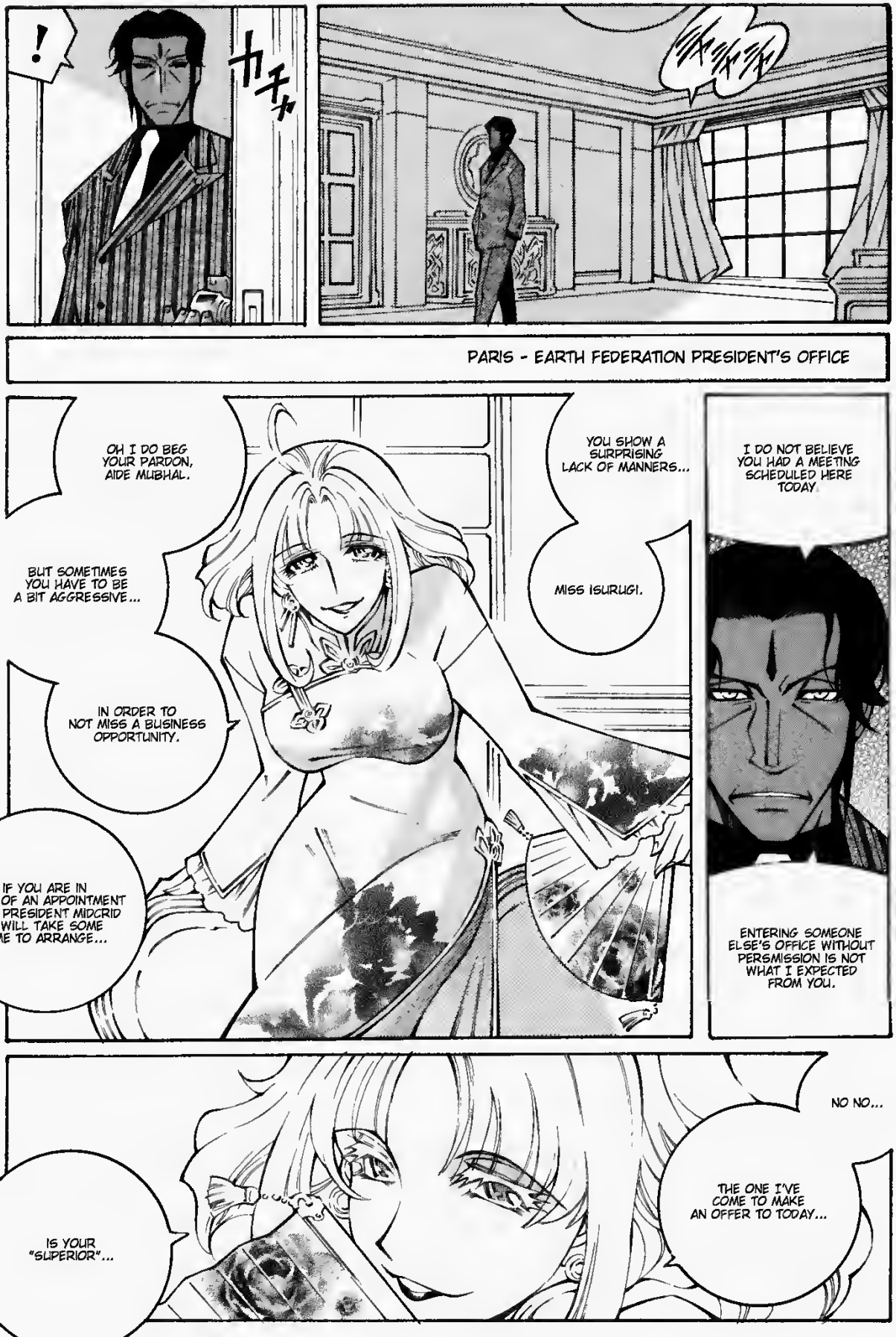
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PARIS - EARTH FEDERATION PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
I DO NOT BELIEVE YOU HAD A MEETING SCHEDULED HERE TODAY.
ENTERING SOMEONE ELSE'S OFFICE WITHOUT PERSMISSION IS NOT WHAT I EXPECTED FROM YOU.
YOU SHOW A SURPRISING LACK OF MANNERS...
MISS ISURUGI.
OH I DO BEG YOUR PARDON, AIDE MUBHAL.
BUT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BE A BIT AGGRESSIVE...
IN ORDER TO NOT MISS A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.
IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT MIDCRID IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO ARRANGE...
NO NO...
THE ONE I'VE COME TO MAKE AN OFFER TO TODAY...
IS YOUR "SUPERIOR"...

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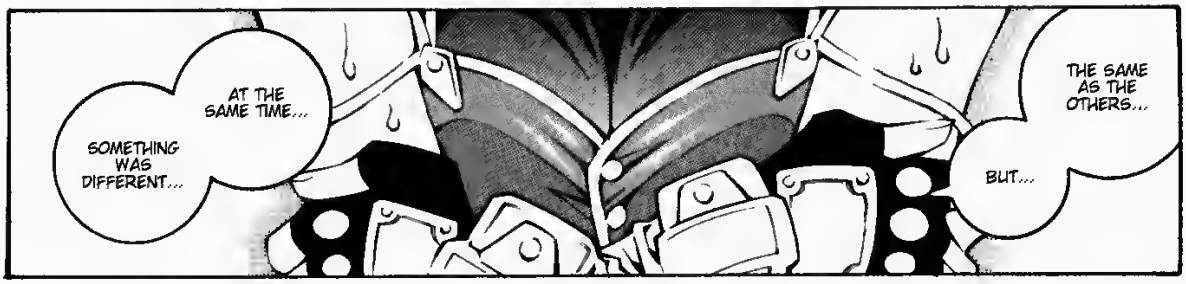
WHOA, WHAT A BABE!
WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
THE ONE WHO COULD HEAR VOICES COMING FROM THE ORGANIC UNKNOWNS.
I AM LOOKING FOR LT. EXCELLEN...
EXCUSE ME.
AND SHE IS STUDYING THE CHOUKIJIN.
SHE CAME WITH US FROM TESLA LABS...
THIS IS DR. ANZAI FROM LTR.

CHOUKIJIN?
THE DRAGON AND TIGER WE SAW IN THE CHINESE MOUNTAINS.
KUSUHA ALSO RAN INTO THEM IN NORTH AMERICA.
OH, DOES THAT MEAN THE TIGER AND DRAGON...
NO, I DO NOT THINK SO.
I BELIEVE THEY MAY BE SOMETHING REFERRED TO AS "THE HUNDRED EVILS"...
WHICH THE CHOUKIJIN SEE AS THEIR ENEMY.
ARE FRIENDS WITH THE SLIMEBALLS?

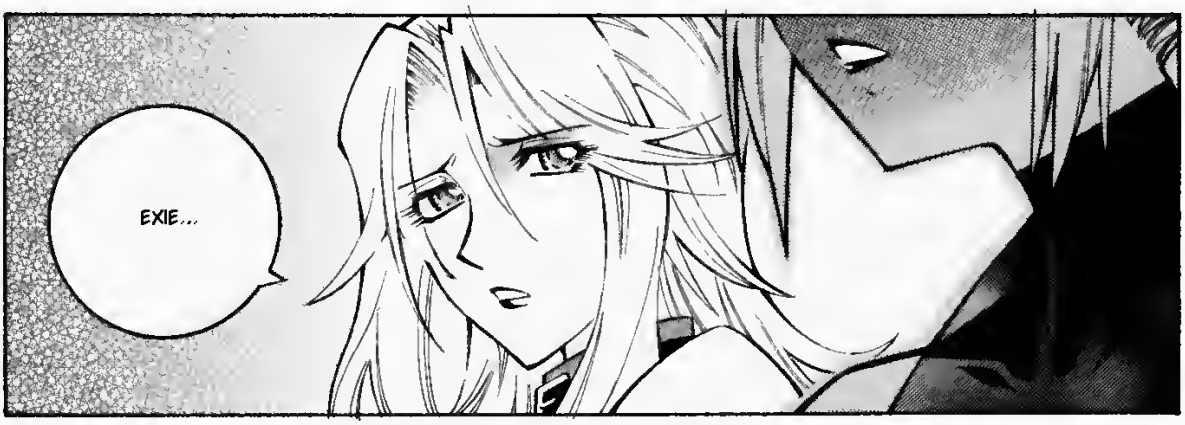
ANCIENT CHINA!?
FIRST OF ALL THE CHOUKIJIN...
THEY ARE MOBILE WEAPONS CREATED IN ANCIENT CHINA.
THEY WERE CREATED TO FIGHT "THE HUNDRED EVILS" WHICH THREATEN THE WORLD OF MAN.
YES. THE EXACT DATE IS UNKNOWN BUT IT IS BELIEVED TO BE INCREDIBLY LONG AGO.
AND BOTH IN HISTORICAL RUINS OR RELICS, AS WELL AS IN LITERATURE, SOMETIMES THEY ARE CALLED DEMONS, SOMETIMES SIMPLY MONSTERS, IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE AGE. AND DESCRIPTIONS ARE FEW.
HOWEVER THE TERM "THE HUNDRED EVILS" IS JUST A GENERAL TERM FOR ANYONE WHO BRINGS HARM TO THE HUMAN REALM.
WHEN BULLET AND THE OTHERS SAW THEM...
AND WHEN I SAW THEM TOO, THE DRAGON AND TIGER WERE FIGHTING THE UNKNOWNS.
TO FIND OUT IF THE UNKNOWN THAT HAVE APPEARED NOW REALLY ARE THE SAME AS THOSE WHO HAVE APPEARED IN THE PAST...
AND WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN FROM NOW ON...
AS WELL AS TO LEARN WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THEY CAME...
IT'S MORE LIKE THEY ARE MUMBLING TO THEMSELVES...
THEY'RE NOT REALLY TALKING TO ME...
HMMM WELL YES I'VE HEARD IT...
BUT IT'S LIKE...
I WAS HOPING THAT THIS VOICE YOU'VE HEARD MAY BE SOME SORT OF CLUE.

PLUS THE CONTEXT AND EVEN THE WORDS THEY USE SOUND PRETTY FISHY...
PARDON FOR ASKING BUT HAVE YOU TAKEN A T-LINK TEST?
I FAILED IT COMPLETELY.
AND OUR SQUAD COMMANDER, WHO IS IN A MEETING RIGHT NOW, FAILED AS WELL.
SO IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH PSYCHODRIVER ABILITY...
HOWEVER THE "RED OGRE", THE NEW TYPE OF UNKNOWN WHICH APPEARED RECENTLY, ACTUALLY USED PROPER SPEECH.
IT KNEW LT. KYOUSUKE'S NAME...
AND WAS CALLING OUT TO HIM.
YOU FOUGHT WITH IT DIRECTLY, LT. EXCELLEN. WHAT WAS IT LIKE?
THAT ONE WAS...



EXCELLEN...

...YOU ARE MY...



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■単行本の後書き時候伺いというのもどうかと思いますが、皆様いかがお過ごしでしょうか。

これ書いてる現在はようやく朝A すずしくなってきてありがたいという所なのですが、いやはや今年の夏はキツかった…。わかりやすく体壊してまだひきずっておりますが皆様もお体ご自愛くださいますよう。

■さんねわけど、スーパーロボット大戦OG、ジ・インスパイアー Record of ATX 4巻をお届けさせていただきます。ありがとうございます。出ます…よね？ど、今巻まるっとリクレット攻略の話だったわけですが、感想 見てるとわかる通りかなりお気に入りだったのでもう四面楚歌とはこの事かってくらいタイヘンな事にちきゅうはなって行きます。非常にスパボらしく。

あ、そうだ今更ながらこっちスパボ関係のコンテンツが通常通りもれてきて嬉しい悲鳴と遊びたいがタイヘン…いや、これも仕事ですから！マジで。遊びたいけどモチベーションの向上にはいい供給源ですから！

そいえもって何をしたっけ。さんねわけどもうちょっと経験させてもらえるようどうぞこの漫画。復刊とは急ぎのなかれは よろしければこれからもおつきあい下さい。

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